

**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

**Date:** April 9, 2025

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.

**Place:** Access Using Video Conferencing  
Meet.google.com/ipm-pxny-hej  
Phone: 1-484-416-2276  
PIN: 201 307 165#

**Present:** Sallye Perrin, P.E., Chair  
Howard (Skip) Harclerode, P.E., Vice Chair  
Edward Hubner, Secretary, P.E  
Karl Rickert, P.E.  
Judi Miller, R.A., Consumer  
Tracey Clark, Consumer

**Others Present:** Zevi Thomas, Executive Director  
Raquel Meyers, Assistant Executive Director  
Matthew Venuti, AAG, Board Counsel  
Shavon Cooper, Board Operations Officer  
Dorian Price, Administrative Specialist  
Hannah Belcher, Administrative Specialist  
Gregory Morgan, NSPE-MD  
David Mitchell, Charles P. Johnson & Associates, Inc.  
Ehsan Amini, Exam Applicant

**Absent:** Dhrubajyoti Biswas, P.E.  
Pastor Farinas, P.E.  
Tracey Clark, Consumer

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair, Sallye Perrin called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.

**Review of Reciprocity and Exam Applications**

Mr. Hubner had reviewed the reciprocal applications along with Ms. Perrin this month. He posed two questions for clarification. If an applicant has 12 years of experience, they must apply under Section 14-305(d). Mr. Hubner's first question concerned whether those with ETAC degrees could choose Option (c) instead of Option (d). Ms. Perrin clarified that applicants may choose to

apply under either Option (c) or Option (d). His second question concerned third-party education verifications. Ms. Perrin explained that the Board uses a checklist to evaluate third-party verification services to ensure they meet Maryland’s educational standards. The Board will accept an applicant’s educational credentials if the transcript is sent directly from the university. Mr. Thomas informed that World Evaluation Services (WES) and NCEES were approved by the Board last year as part of a policy change. Mr. Rickert noted that any applicant who submits an evaluation or provides a transcript should also be required to complete the checklist. He recommended reviewing the meeting minutes to confirm this. Ms. Perrin clarified that once an individual is licensed as a professional engineer in another jurisdiction, the Board does not consider the applicant’s current work experience; rather, the Board only reviews the number of qualifying years of experience for reciprocal applicants.

### **APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

Motion (I) was made by Mr. Hubner, seconded by Mr. Harclerode, and unanimously carried to approve 24 applications for PE licensure by reciprocity and 18 applications for the Principles and Practice of Engineering exam.

#### **Applications for PE Licensure by Reciprocity are as follows:**

Baki, Ayman (64674)	Mason, Todd (64691)
Clements, Daniel J (64675)	McCombie, John L (64692)
Day, Kenneth P (64676)	Motay-Vijay, Ravikanth (64693)
Derector, Scott E (64677)	Rezk, Michael S (64694)
Evans, Leon (64678)	Sarmah, Ratul D (64695)
Gallimore, Erin (64679)	Scott, Brandon K (64696)
Gervais, Patrick M (64680)	Singh, Gurdit (64697)
Ghimire, Bhuban (64681)	Stevanovic, Zeljko (64698)
Hafiz, Ali (64682)	Thiruvengadathan, Kasturi Rangan (64699)
Hallis, Nicholas V (64683)	Tourte, Alexandre (64700)
Hay, Joris (64684)	Verostko, Joseph M (64701)
Kekre, Anish (64685)	Waldron, David J (64702)
Kumar, Pankaj (64686)	Walter, Robert C (64703)
Lee, Taeho (64687)	Wong, Nicholas K (64704)
Li, Xiyu (64688)	
Malone, Vanessa M (64689)	
Mardi, Amjad (64690)	

#### **Applications for PE Licensure by Transfer of Grades are as follows:**

Abions, Qozeem Transfer of Grades - Civil

#### **Applications for the Principles and Practices of Engineering Exam are as follows:**

Benjamin, Dadvien K - Civil	Lim, Hee Ryung - Civil
Bolaniran, Olusola A. - Mechanical	Manning, Cassidy - Civil

Cave, Brian - Mechanical  
Clark, Andrew - Mechanical  
Derek, Scott - Civil  
Diriba, Bilisuma - Mechanical  
Eastman, Emily - Environmental  
Gibert, Emily - Civil  
Henriquez, Mario F - Mechanical  
Hichens, Steven - Environmental  
Hu, Jialei - Environmental  
Huffman, Kevin - Electrical  
Jones, Tyler O - Environmental  
Klein, Christopher - Civil

McCord, Steven - Mechanical  
McGregor, Marquis - Electrical  
Nail, Maxwell - Mechanical  
Peyton, Matthew R - Architectural  
Qassab, Safaa - Civil  
Salifu, Bassit - Electrical  
Stumpfig, Rachel A - Chemical  
Villarreal, Andres - Geothermal  
Walter, Ijeoma - Transportation  
Willingham, Anthony - Electrical  
Zimmerman, Kevin - Mechanical

There are seven civil and one mechanical exam applications in the “pending” folder.

Abions, Qozeem Transfer of Grades - Civil  
Aqeel, Hashmtulla - Civil  
Comisac, Mogan - Civil  
Jenkins, Aiden - Civil

Lorentson, Joshua - Civil  
Namaga, Samuel - Civil  
Shahi, Ahmadzai - Civil  
Al Onaidi, Ramiz S - Mechanical

One denied reciprocal application:

Al-Samari, Ahmed

## **ACTION ON MINUTES**

March 13, 2025, meeting minutes approved without corrections.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Perrin will present the Education Committee Report at the NCEES Northeast Zone meeting. As discussed previously, the committee anticipates a high volume of recommendations at this meeting regarding degree qualifications from ABET-ETAC (Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission) institutions and pathways for ETAC candidates. The Uniform Procedures and Legislative Guidelines (UPLG), developed by the NCEES committee, generally requires six years of qualifying engineering experience, while Maryland requires eight years of qualifying engineering experience. She suggested changing the regulations to add the ABET-ETAC language following the Council's annual meeting this August. She also suggested it would be helpful to have an ABET-ETAC checklist.

## **CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY (CPC) COMMITTEE REPORT**

Two applications approved as follows: AquaShield. Charles P. Johnson & Associates, Inc.

Motion (II) was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Rickert, and unanimously carried to approve the CPC Committee Report.

### **REPORT FROM THE ETHICS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Thomas announced that the voice-over with the Maryland PE Code of Ethics slides is on the Board's website. The website still has the old Free Maryland Ethics course online, in addition to the new slides posted. Ms. Perrin also suggested an email blast advertising the new presentation slides on the website. She agreed with Mr. Hubner to get rid of the old ethics course after the current subscription expires.

### **REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Thomas reminded board members that the NCEES Annual meeting is August 19 - 22, 2025, in New Orleans, LA. The registration deadline is May 1, 2025. According to the running list from last year, Mr. Hubner, Ms. Miller, and Ms. Biswas will be funded by the Council. Board members not funded by the Council will be state-funded if they are interested in attending. Ms. Perrin stated she is interested in attending this year's meeting. Mr. Thomas briefly explained that the Board is alternating the list from last year. The Northeast Zone meeting and the annual meeting will be funded by the Council. Mr. Hubner, Ms. Perrin, and Mr. Biswas will be attending the NCEES Northeast Zone meeting in Cambridge, MA, April 10 - 12, 2025.

Mr. Thomas reminded that there will be a hearing held on May 8, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. (hybrid) following the scheduled Board meeting. The matter concerns a reciprocal applicant denied due to a lack of qualifying credentials for licensure. The applicant did not take the Principles and Practice of Engineering Exam.

Mr. Thomas announced that the Engineers Reception and Awards Night will be held on May 13, 2025, at 5:30 pm. at the Engineers Club in Baltimore. There will be a presentation of the State Board's wall certificates to newly licensed engineers. He asked if any Board members would be attending this year. Ms. Perrin and Ms. Miller volunteered to attend the event.

Mr. Thomas also informed that the PE Board's application and CPC criteria process are currently undergoing a legislative audit. The Board may have to revisit some processes pending the result of the audit findings.

Mr. Thomas introduced the new Board Operations Officer, Shavon Cooper. Ms. Cooper began her tenure with the Board for Professional Engineers on April 2, 2025. She provided a brief overview of her prior administrative and supervisory experience with the City of Baltimore. The Board extended a warm welcome to Ms. Cooper.

### **REPORT FROM BOARD COUNSEL**

Mr. Venuti announced SB529 (HB1526), which requires the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam section 14-305(d) of the Engineers' law, passed both Chambers of the Maryland General

Assembly. The bill is on its way to the Governor for his signature. Mr. Venuti indicated the bill will go into effect on October 1, 2025. He does not foresee any changes to the regulations and will only affect sub-section 14-305(d). After a brief discussion, Mr. Venuti agreed to follow up with the Board regarding whether an applicant must complete the process or apply by the effective date of October 1, 2025. Ms. Perrin suggested updating the website once the Governor signs and the bill becomes law. She asked for this topic to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Ms. Perrin inquired about the next steps regarding NCEES Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) with the United Kingdom. Mr. Thomas informed Ms. Perrin that the Intent to Participate by the Maryland Board for Professional Engineers in this MRA between NCEES and the United Kingdom Engineering Council must now be signed by our Maryland board representatives.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Thomas stated there was correspondence dated March 25, 2025, from Mr. Jeremy Cain, P.E., with Questions & Comments about the education requirements for ETAC-accredited degrees. Mr. Thomas explained that Mr. Cain is specifically asking the Board to support and consider a change to its rules that would allow a path to licensure for ETAC graduates. After a brief conversation, it was agreed that the Board does not currently support the ETAC degrees, but Maryland allows for the Curriculum Checklist in such cases. Ms. Perrin stated the Maryland Board is reviewing motions introduced by the NCEES Education Committee and will have an opportunity to discuss this further during the NCEES annual business meeting this August.

### **APPLICATIONS APPROVED ADMINISTRATIVELY FOR RECIPROCITY**

64 applications, supported by NCEES Model Law Engineer records, were administratively approved for licensure.

### **APPLICATIONS APPROVED ADMINISTRATIVELY FOR ORIGINAL EXAMS**

27 original exam applications were administratively approved for licensure.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion (III) was made by Ms. Miller, seconded by Mr. Harclerode, and unanimously carried to enter Executive Session at 10:46 a.m. at Meet google.com/ipm-pxny-hej or by phone 1-484-416-2276 (PIN 201 307 165#). This session was permitted to be closed pursuant to General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, §3-305(b) (7) to discuss complaints, exam applications, and to seek advice from Board Counsel. Upon completion of the session, the Board reconvened its public meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Motion (IV) was made by Harclerode, seconded by Mr. Hubner, and unanimously carried to approve two additional exams and one reciprocal application.

One application was moved from the “pending” folder and put into the “approved” folder:

Cave, Brian

### COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

Mr. Rickert reported on the status of complaints discussed by the Complaint Committee on April 9, 2025

- 17-PE-25- Pre-charge Review
- 16-PE-25- Waiting for a signed complaint form
- 15- PE-25- Investigation
- 14-PE-25- Waiting for reply from the Respondent
- 16-PE-24 - Under evaluation by an independent consultant
- 21-PE-23 - Under evaluation by an independent consultant

The Committee did not have an opportunity to complete the report due to meeting with the independent consultant regarding complaints 16-PE-24 and 21-PE-23. The Committee agreed to reconvene on April 17, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. for a virtual meeting.

Motion (V) was made by Mr. Harclerode, seconded by Mr. Farinas, and unanimously carried to accept the recommendations of the Complaint Committee.

### OTHER BUSINESS

1. The next meeting is scheduled on May 8, 2025, 9:30 a.m., hybrid.
2. The denial hearing will take place at 1:00 p.m. following the May 8, 2025 meeting.

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion (VI) was made by Mr. Harclerode, seconded by Ms. Miller, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

X	_____ With Corrections	_____ Without Corrections
Signed by:	Signature on File _____ Board Chairperson	05/12/25 _____ Date